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Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 8:55 AM

To: Linda Seltzer; Kalli Biegel

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Thank you,

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Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 12:53 PM

To: Elise Keim <ekeim@redmond.gov>; srice@redmond.gov; Kalli Biegel <kbiegel@redmond.gov>

Subject: Additional testimony

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This e-mail provides additional testimony for the May 20 hearing on Penny Lane.

After the previous meeting, I noticed that two attendees of the hearing spent a disproportionate amount of time after the hearing having a discussion. I don't know how much time after the meeting the staff spent talking to these two people. But they left so much later that I have concerns about this giving some attendees a disproportionate amount of time as compared to others.

This e-mail is therefore a public records request for any correspondence with the two other public attendees who presented comments at the previous hearing on February 24 with this developer about the developments adjoining Penny Lane, 170th Ave and 80th St.

I need to have an assurance that while my question wasn't replied to, other people were not being treated like representatives of the seniors in our apartment complex.

Remember that it had been necessary for me to make a request for the developers to stop looking at and addressing only the other two people and to start treating me as an equal member of the public in the meeting.

I am very concerned that after the meeting the issue if disproportionate attention to some residents over another had occurred when the two other people were in a discussion after the meeting for an extended amount of time.

I want to make it clear that no other tenants in the building speak for me and that I expect to have equal time and equal consideration of my concerns, not have two people dominate a long meeting after the meeting while my questions are not considered or answered.

I write this because there are problems with one tenant trying to take over in our apartment complex and I have to stand up for myself and make it clear that someone else doesn't make decisions for me.

Sincerely, Linda Seltzer

From: Elise Keim

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Linda Seltzer; Kalli Biegel
Cc: Sarah Pyle; Carol Helland
Subject: RE: Address for this testimony

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Will someone please forward my comments to hearing examiner Sharon Rice? Her e-mail does not appear on the notice even though she is listed as the hearing examiner. I took a guess, but it didn't work.

On Sat, May 16, 2020 at 12:54 PM Linda Seltzer <|seltzer@alumni.princeton.edu> wrote:

The following is my information for this testimony.

Linda A. Seltzer 16990 NE 80th St. B103 Redmond, WA 98052 425-245-2678 <u>Iseltzer@alumni.princeton.edu</u>

EXHIBIT 3d

Elise Keim

From: Elise Keim

Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 9:06 AM

To: Christina Bolobanic

Subject: RE: Penny Lane II Proposal

Dear Christina Bolbanic,

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The Washington State Growth Management Act has identified and designated certain areas in the state for growth and increased density as a way to stop suburban sprawl and protect the State's natural, rural and agricultural environments. Redmond is one of the communities identified for additional population growth. Redmond is experiencing a large amount of construction and has been for quite some time. Downtown is one of the neighborhoods designated as a primary location for added residential development. Part of the City's Comprehensive Plan is to support Downtown's development of residential uses. The construction we are experiencing now is meant to help reach the City's Comprehensive Plan goals and policies to make downtown a dense, vibrant place to live and work.

The property proposed for redevelopment is privately owned, and residential uses are permitted in the zone. While I do appreciate your suggestion of a community amenity space such as a dog park with a seating area and updated little free library, the property is not owned by the City and therefore the City only reviews the proposal provided by the applicant, which is for 14 for-sale townhomes with two parking stalls for each household.

New development is required to make infrastructure improvements and Penny Lane II will be improving conditions for pedestrians by constructing a raised curb sidewalk on 170th Ave NE. The development will also be maintaining street parking, replacing a sewer line in 170th Ave NE and repaving their half of the road in front of the project. Developments are also required to pay impact fees, including impact fees for parks and schools to help support improvements to the City's well utilized park system and support the school district.

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I want to become a party of record.

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Exceptions:

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CHAPTER 4
EMER PLAUNING

CTION 904

